**VoiceThread**

**<http://voicethread.com/>**

A VoiceThread is a collaborative, multimedia slide show that holds images, documents and videos and allows people to navigate slides and leave comments in 5 ways - using voice, text, audio file, or video (via a webcam).

Signing in

* Teachers sign in using their school email address and given password.
* Students sign in by going to <http://waiaupa.ed.voicethread.com/> then clicking on ‘sign in’ up the top right corner. They enter their first.last name in the email box (the rest of the email is automatically entered) and then the given password.

Creating a VoiceThread

* Go to create
* Click on upload and choose either:
* My computer (Any photos, videos or documents saved onto your computer)
* Media Sources (My voicethread, flicker, facebook or NY public library)
* URL (web address)
* My Webcam
* You can comment if you want to leave a msg for your students.
* You can choose to share your VoiceThread with all of Waiau Pa School or selected groups (your class) – this will publish it on their ‘My Voice’ page.
* Check **publishing options –** Select who you want to view and comment and if you want to moderate comments.
* **Embed** your VoiceThread into your Wiki. Go to the bottom of the page and click ‘embed’, copy the code and add as a widget.

Note: If students are signed into their VoiceThread they will automatically be signed in when they go to the embedded VoiceThread on the Wiki.

Notes:

* You can upload more than one document/image/video as VoiceThread acts as a ‘slideshow’.
* **Comment moderation**: The VoiceThread creator can select which comments to ‘publish’ – no one can see it until you have checked it.

Ideas for using VoiceThread in the classroom:

* Character descriptions / comparisions
* Book reviews
* Make predictions
* Before / after an event
* Storytelling
* Cause / effect
* Discuss a piece of writing – what makes it good / what improvements could be made
* Identify the spelling / punctuation errors in a piece of writing
* Sharing art - comment and annotate
* Using a picture prompt discuss prior knowledge
* Put up a maths equation and students discuss how they would solve it
* Problem solving

You will find some good ideas here:

<http://voicethread4education.wikispaces.com/home>